

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 346

By Buck

A RESOLUTION to commend Matthew Allen Franklin Edward Southerland for exemplary service as a legislative intern.

WHEREAS, each legislative session this body is pleased to recognize certain persons who have committed themselves, through their adroit service, to the betterment of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, Matthew Allen Franklin Edward Southerland is one such individual who has distinguished himself in his role as a legislative intern for Representative Frank Buck and the House Conservation and Environment Committee; Mr. Southerland's work has resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislators he assisted and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, throughout his college career at Walters State Community College and East Tennessee State University, where he is highly regarded by his peers, Matthew Southerland has achieved academic success while majoring in political science and participating in numerous extracurricular activities, including Keep America Beautiful and the Military Family Support Group; he also has served as an Assistant Track Coach at Morristown East High School; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Mr. Southerland has won the Keep America Beautiful Award and the Walters State Deans List Award; and

WHEREAS, prior to attending college, Matthew Southerland distinguished himself at Morristown Hamblen High School East as an All-State football player, an All-Conference track standout, and a Valedictorian; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize himself with the characteristics and complexities of Tennessee state government and to further his studies, Mr. Southerland brought his many abilities and singular expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2008 session of the One Hundred Fifth General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2008 legislative session, Matthew Southerland has surpassed all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious legislative intern, while earning from his peers recognition as Best All-Around; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Southerland's many accomplishments are a source of tremendous pride for his parents, Charles Reece Southerland and Teresa Larue Southerland, his brothers Charles Anthony and Gregory Aze, and his sister, April Larue; and

WHEREAS, Matthew Southerland has performed his many duties with extraordinary insight and rare decorum; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby commend Matthew Allen Franklin Edward Southerland for outstanding service as a legislative intern for the House Conservation and Environment Committee and Representative Frank Buck and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.